

# Hopscotch



Hopscotch is a classic playground game that kids have enjoyed for generations. Here are the traditional rules

1. **Draw the Hopscotch Grid:** Use chalk to draw a grid on the ground. The pattern typically looks like this. You can use squares or circles.

2. **Find a Marker:** Each player needs a small object to use as a marker. This could be a stone, a coin, a piece of bark, or any small item.

3. **Starting the Game:** The first player throws their marker onto square 1. The marker must land inside the square.

4. **Hopping Through the Grid:** The player hops through the grid on one foot for single squares and two feet for side-by-side squares (like 3 and 4). They must hop over the square with the marker in it, landing on the next square.

5. **Picking Up the Marker:** When the player reaches the end of the grid, they turn around and hop back. When they reach the square before the one with the marker, they must balance on one foot, lean down, and pick up the marker. Then, they hop over that square and finish the grid.

The first player to successfully throw their marker and hop through all the squares wins!

Hopscotch is a great way to have fun and practice balance, coordination and taking turns. Have you ever played hopscotch before?

Do the people you are with have memories of playing this game?  
Did they play it differently?

